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## **Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs**

Veteran/Military-Related Events in Iowa

This event listing is compiled by Jill Joseph, Outreach Coordinator, IDVA. It provides information about veteranrelated events as provided to the IDVA office. IDVA's endeavor is to ensure that interested individuals and organizations are aware of these events. An updated listing will be distributed on the first and middle of each month. *Please send details on events, including the 11 key pieces of information outlined below, to*: <u>iill.joseph@iowa.gov</u>. *We appreciate your efforts to put the information in the following order*:

- 1. Name of Event, 2. Date of Event, 3. Time of Event, 4. Location of Event, 5. Address of Event, 6. City, 7. State,
- 8. Point of Contact, 9. POC's Phone #, 10. POC's email address, 11. Additional details/coordinating instructions

## **Listed Chronologically**

- ◆ Clear Creek Amana Middle School 4<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day Breakfast & Pep Assembly, 7 Nov 2013, 7:30 am 9:30 am, CCA Middle School, 311 W. Marengo Rd, Tiffin, IA (Johnson Co.), Kim Meller, 319-545-4490, <a href="mailto:kimberlymeller@ccaschools.org">kimberlymeller@ccaschools.org</a>. Note: Breakfast will follow with a pep assembly.
- Camp Dodge Veterans Day Chapel Service, 7 Nov 2013, 8:30 am, Camp Dodge Chapel, 7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Ave, Johnston, IA (Polk Co.), CH (LTC) Gary Selof, 515-252-4189, Gary.s.selof.mil@mail.mil. All are welcome!
- ◆ Tom Harkin Veterans roundtable, 7 Nov 2013, 10:00 am 11:00 am, Marion County Courthouse, Conference Room, 214 E. Main St #1, Knoxville, IA 50138, Harkin Press Office, 202-224-3254, tom harkin@harkin.enews.senate.gov.
- ♦ Pekin Community School Veterans Day Ceremony, 7 Nov 2013, 10:00 am, Pekin High School, Pekin (Keokuk Co.), IA, Keith Blair, 641-622-2761, va@keokukcountyia.com.
- ♦ Henry County VA Benefits Fair, 7 Nov 2013, 4:00 pm 8:00 pm, Mount Pleasant National Guard Armory, 1200 Walnut St., Mt. Pleasant, IA (Henry Co.), Rick Van Winkle, 319-385-0792, <a href="mailto:rvanwinkle@henrycountyjowa.us">rvanwinkle@henrycountyjowa.us</a>. Representatives from IDVA, AL, VFW, VVA, MOPH, Iowa City VA hospital, Veterans Home, Cedar Rapids Vet Center.
- ♦ Albia Veterans Day Assembly, 7 Nov 2013, 12:50 pm, Albia High School Gym, Pekin (Keokuk Co.), IA, Keith Blair, 641-622-2761, va@keokukcountyia.com. Note: The public and veterans are invited.
- ◆ Gold Star Museum photographic exhibit honoring notable lowa veterans, 8 Nov 2013, Gold Star Museum, 7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Ave., Johnston, IA 50131 (Polk Co.), Mike Vogt or Sherrie Colbert, 515-252-4531, <a href="https://www.iowanationalguard.com/Museum/Museum.htm">www.iowanationalguard.com/Museum/Museum.htm</a>. Note: The Notable lowa Veterans exhibit, photographed by Grandview University Professor Emeritus Dr. Bill Schaefer, is the second installment of the project, which honors the significant military and civilian accomplishments of lowa veterans from across the state

- ◆ Des Moines North High School 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans Day Assembly, 8 Nov 2013, Refreshments at 8:00 am; ceremony starts at 9 am, North High School, 501 Holcomb Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312, Major Sean Quinlan, 515-242-7235, <a href="mailto:Sean.Quinlan@dmschools.org">Sean.Quinlan@dmschools.org</a>, <a href="mailto:lexicontrollowspan="mailto:lex
- ♦ Boone & Story County Supermarket of Veterans Benefits, 8 Nov 2013, 8:30 am 5:00 pm, Moose Lodge, 644 W. 190<sup>th</sup> St, Ames, IA, Luke Jensen, 515-956-2625, liensen@storycounty.com or Brett McLain, 515-956-2625, bmclain@storycounty.com.
- ♦ **lowa Gold Star Museum hosts Westridge Elementary**, (West Des Moines, IA), **8 Nov 2013**, 10:00 am, Gold Star Museum, 7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Ave., Johnston, IA 50131 (Polk Co.), 515-252-4531. *Performing a vocal music concert honoring veteran*.
- ◆ AmVets Post 90 Veterans Day Luncheon, 8 Nov 2013, 10:30 am, Fredericksburg Middle School, 300 E Main St, Fredericksburg, (Chickasaw Co.) IA, Dave Jacobsen, 641-394-3232, <a href="mailto:chickasawvso@yahoo.com">chickasawvso@yahoo.com</a>.
- ♦ Iowa Veterans Home Celebrates the United States Marine Corps' birthday, 8 Nov 2013, 2:00 pm, Malloy LRC, Iowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit St., Marshalltown (Marshall Co.), IA. Note: This will mark the 238<sup>th</sup> year since the USMC was formed. Iowa Veterans Home commandant Jodi S. Tymeson will provide remarks and Major Mike Stansberry (USMC) will be the keynote speaker for the celebration. The Marshalltown Miller Jr. High choir will provide special singing for the event.
- Military Affairs Association 2013 Veterans Day Banquet, 8 Nov 2013, Cocktails at 5:30; Dinner at 6:30, Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA 52327 (Washington Co.), Tammy Richardson, 319-310-5215. 60s-70s dance band follows awards presentation (Guardsman/Reservist of the Year; Army/Air Force ROTC Cadet of the Year; Will J. Hayek Lifetime Achievement Award). Speaker will be COL K. Todd Royer (1984 Iowa City HS grad & 1988 USMA grad), an Army Aviator on the Pentagon Joint Staff. Tickets: \$35 (\$25 for cadets/students/E-4 or below). Business dress/dress uniform or 60s attire welcome.
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Quad-County Veterans' Celebration, 9 Nov 2013, Parade at 11:00 am (with ceremony following at Civic Center), parade line begins at corner of West Mission/Hwy 3 & Park Ave (Methodist Church) Strawberry Point, IA; ceremony held at Civic Center, 401 Commercial St., Strawberry Point, IA 52076, Dale Fox, 319-238-2778, <a href="mayor@strawberrypt.com">mayor@strawberrypt.com</a>. Note: Meal at Civic Center at 11:00 for anyone not participating in parade; it will continue through & after the ceremony and is a free-will donation with monies to be split evenly between Clayton, Buchanan, Fayette, and Delaware County vets via their county vet contacts.
- ♦ American Legion Post 141 annual Veterans Ham & Bean Soup Dinner, 9 Nov 2013, 6:00 pm at AL Post, 104 N. Vine, Glenwood, IA (Mills Co.), Commander Brian Ring SR, 402-670-2169 or Adjutant Dick Davis, 527-9527. *All area veterans are invited*.
- ♦ Des Moines First Assembly Sunday Services, 10 Nov 2013, 8:15 & 11:00 am, Des Moines First Assembly, 2725 Merle Hay Rd., Des Moines (Polk Co.), IOA, Brittney Roorda, communications director, 515-279-9766 ext. 15, <a href="mailto:broorda@desmoinesfirst.org">broorda@desmoinesfirst.org</a>. Note: Veterans and families of those who have served are invited. They will also recognize families who have lost loved one in combat or who are still missing in action. An Armed Forces Salute to honor each branch of the service will also be sung.
- ♦ Bedford Veterans Day Program, 10 Nov 2013, 2:30 pm, Post #164, 301 Main St., Bedford, (Taylor Co.) IA 50833, Alan Schenck, 712-542-8186.
- ♦ Cabela's Honors Hometown Heroes, November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. To participate in the Hometown Heroes event, veterans and active duty military, reserve, law enforcement, fire EMS personnel should present their service identification to the Hometown Heroes cashier upon checkout at their local Cabela's store during the event. They will receive discount on virtually everything in the store. Visit <a href="www.cabelas.com/prairieduchein">www.cabelas.com/prairieduchein</a> for more information.
- ◆ Perry/Dallas County Veterans Day Presentations, 11 Nov 2013: 6:00 am 10:00 am Complimentary Breakfast, Perry Hy-Vee, 1215 Highway 141, Perry (Dallas Co.), IA; 8:00 am 8:30 a.m. Morning Refreshments, Perry High School Library, 1200 18<sup>th</sup> St., Perry; 10:00 am, Perry Performing Arts Center, 1200 18<sup>th</sup> St., Perry, IA (Dallas Co.); Fifteenth Annual Veterans Day Celebration, 10:00 am, Perry Performing Arts Center, Ed Vos, 515-993-5809, Ed.Vos@co.dallas.ia.us. Note: A Veterans Day luncheon at the Perry High School Gymnasium will follow the 10:00 program.
- ♦ Osceola, Iowa/Clarke County, 11 Nov 2013: 6:00 am 11:00 am Free breakfast at Osceola Hy-Vee, 510 W McLane St, Osceola (Clarke Co.), IA; Free Lunch at Lakeside Casino, 9:30 am 4:30 am with ceremony and guest speaker. *Note: VA Health Care mobile van, free flu shots, and health screening County Service Officer, benefit info available;* New Veterans Monument ceremony and presentation of Valor Quilt, 5:00 p.m., Osceola Courthouse, 100 S. Main, Osceola, IA. *Note: There will be a Veterans Quilt Raffle, and in addition to the memorial dedication, a 21 gun salute and chili dinner donated by local merchants.* Joella Perry, 641-342-2933, <a href="mailto:clarkegenrelief@iowatelecom.net">clarkegenrelief@iowatelecom.net</a>.

- ♦ Iowa Veterans Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 Nov 2013, 8:00 am, Iowa Veterans Cemetery, 34024 Veterans Memorial Drive, Adel, IA (Dallas Co.), Jill Joseph, IDVA, 515-727-7350, jill.joseph@iowa.gov.
- ♦ Waverly/Bremer County Veteran Appreciation Event, 11 Nov 2013, 8:00 am 5:00 pm, The Centre Hall (Village Square Shopping Center), 1211 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Waverly, IA (Bremer Co.), Neal Jarnagin, 319-352-4209, va@co.bremer.ia.us. Note: There will be MANY businesses on hand that will hand out freebies and thank veterans for their service, including chair massages, pet massages, coupons, etc., and specialists available to speak with veterans about benefits.
- ♦ Veterans Appreciation Day @ Cede's Barkery, 11 Nov 2013, 8:30 am 10:00 am, 501 W. Main St., Sac City (Sac Co.), IA, Peggy Dettmann, 712-662-4552, peggy@saccounty.org. Note: At 9:30 am a 22-minute documentary, "The Story of Veterans Day" will be shown.
- ◆ Remember Our Veterans Veteran's Day Program, 11 Nov 2013, 9:00 am, McLaren's Resthaven Chapel & Cemetery, 801 19<sup>th</sup> St, West Des Moines, IA (Polk Co.,), Cheryl TanCreti, 515-225-7225, <a href="Cheryl.tancreti@dignitymemorial.com">Cheryl TanCreti</a>, 515-225-7225, <a href="Cheryl.tancreti@dignitymemorial.com">Cheryl TanCreti</a>, 515-225-7225, <a href="Cheryl.tancreti@dignitymemorial.com">Cheryl TanCreti</a>, Note: Opening ceremonies followed by coffee and donuts. At 9:40, there will be a walk to Fairmeadows School, 807 23<sup>rd</sup> St., WDM, for the fifth grade "A Salute to Our Veterans" program at 10:00.
- Hiring our Heroes Event, 11 Nov 2013, Employment Workshop: 9:00 a.m., Hiring Fair: 10:00 am 1:00 pm, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Bruce Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building, 3000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines (Polk Co.), IA, 202-463-5807, <a href="https://discrete/hiringourheroes@uschamber.com">hiringourheroes@uschamber.com</a>. Note: A workshop for veterans and other military job seekers that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will begin at 9:00 am. To register, visit: hohworks.eventbrite.com.
- Tipton Elementary and Middle School Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 Nov 2013, 9:30 am, Tipton Middle School Gymnasium, 725 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Tipton, IA., Lori Foley, Tipton Elementary School Principal, 563-886-6131, <a href="mailto:lori.foley@tipton.k12.ia.us">lori.foley@tipton.k12.ia.us</a>. Note: all veterans are invited to attend the ceremony presented by students of Tipton Elementary & Middle Schools. Veterans should sign in by 9:15 in the Media Center before the Veterans Parade begins at 9:30.
- ♦ Iowa Gold Star Museum will be open Veterans Day, 11 Nov 2013, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Ave., Johnston, IA 50131 (Polk Co.), 515-252-4531.
- ♦ Community & Public School Student Veterans Day Concert, 11 Nov 2013, 10:00 am, Clayton Ridge High School Gym, 131 S River Park Dr., Guttenberg (Clayton Co.), IA, Dennis Hanna, 563-252-2383, asbda@alpinecom.net.
- ◆ Dedication Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial, 11 Nov 2013, 10:30 am, South lawn of Chickasaw County Courthouse, 8 East Prospect, New Hampton, IA 50659 (Chickasaw Co.), Dave Jacobsen, Chickasaw Co VSO, 641-394-3232, <a href="mailto:chickasawvso@yahoo.com">chickasawvso@yahoo.com</a>. All county veteran posts are invited. There will be a flyover by three WWII aircraft; Harry Kerr, Ret CSGTMAJ and Vietnam Veteran will be the featured speaker; New Hampton HS Band will perform.
- ♦ Armistice Day Observance, 11 Nov 2013, 10:20 am, East Entrance to Old Capitol, Clinton St. & Iowa Ave. intersection, Iowa City (Johnson Co.), IA, Ed Flaherty, 319-621-6766, <a href="mailto:flahertyem@q.com">flahertyem@q.com</a>. Note: Bells will ring @ 11: a.m., ending observance.
- ◆ Dedication of Memorial Honoring Iowa Guard Specialist Donny Nichols, 11 Nov 2013, 10:30 am, Waverly-Shell Rock High School, 1405 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Waverly, IA, Jeremy Langner, Waverly-Shell Rock Senior High School Associate Principal, Jeremy.langer@wsr.k12.ia.us, 319-352-2087. *Note: additional news story on this event can be found here:* http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Soldier-Memorial-To-Be-Placed-At-Waverly-High-School-228612191.html http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Soldier-Memorial-To-Be-Placed-At-Waverly-High-School-228612191.html
- ♦ Veterans Day Observation, 11 Nov 2013, 11:00 am, south side of Mills County Courthouse, 418 Sharp St., Glenwood, IA (Mills Co.), Commander Brian Ring SR, 402-670-2168 or Adjutant Dick Davis, 402-527-9527.
- ♦ Veterans Day Program: Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center/Veterans Memorial, 11 Nov 2013, 11:00 am, 833 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Des Moines, IA (Polk Co.). Guest speaker will be the Honorable Terry Branstad, Governor of Iowa. Event will include representatives from all veterans' service organizations.
- ◆ Iowa Veterans Home Veterans Day Program, 11 Nov 2013, 11:00 am, Malloy LRC, 1301 Summit St., Marshalltown, IA (Marshall Co.), Michael Hines, (641) 753-4309, Michael.Hines@ivh.state.ia.us. Note: Commandant Jodi Tymeson will provide opening remarks and introductions. Keynote speaker will be Major Sean T. Quinlan, USMC (Ret). Major Quinlan is currently the Des Moines North High School Jr. ROTC instructor. The Marshalltown Municipal Band will perform the National Anthem and a patriotic song. The IVH choir will perform a patriotic song as well.

- ♦ Johnson Co. Armory & Veterans Memorial Dedication, 11 Nov 2013, 11:00 am, Johnson Administration Building, 913 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA 52240 (Johnson Co.), Gary Boseneiler, 319-356-6049, gbosenei@co.johnson.ia.us.
- ♦ Veterans Day Program: American Legion Post 165, 11 Nov 2013, 11:00 am, 105 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Indianola, IA (Warren Co.), 515-961-0127, VA@co.warren.ia.us. Note: Keynote speaker will be Lt. Col. Grant W. Gooch, 132FW Distributed Training Operations Center, Future Plans Officer.
- ♦ Veterans Day Celebration, 11 Nov 2013 sponsored by the Ames Patriotic Council, 11:00 am, Ames City Auditorium, 520 6<sup>th</sup> St., Ames, IA (Story Co.), Herman Quirmbach, 515-292-8984, <a href="https://hcqbach@gmail.com">hcqbach@gmail.com</a>. Main speaker: Congressman Leonard Boswell
- ◆ Humboldt Co. Veterans Day Observance, 11 Nov 2013, 11:11 am, Dakota City Courthouse, 203 Main Street, Dakota City, IA (Humboldt Co.). Craig Malloy, 515-604-6256, <a href="mailto:humboota@goldfieldaccess.net">humboota@goldfieldaccess.net</a>. Lunch will be offered after the ceremony at the VFW. Humboldt Hy-Vee will have a free breakfast from 6:00 am 10:00 am to honor all veterans.
- ◆ Hawkeye Community College Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 Nov 2013, 12:15 pm, Tama Hall, 1501 E. Orange Rd., Waterloo (Black Hawk Co.), IA, Robin Knight, 319.296.2329 x 1212, <a href="mailto:robin.knight@hawkeyecollege.edu">robin.knight@hawkeyecollege.edu</a>. Note: Reception will follow in Tama Hall, There will be a preview of the new Military & Veterans Resource Center located in Brock Student Center.
- American Legion Post 279 Veterans Day Program, 11 Nov 2013, 2:30 pm, Turkey Valley School, Lawler, IA (Chickasaw Co.). No other information provided.
- ♦ East Sac County Middle School Patriotic School Assembly, 11 Nov 2013, 2:45 pm, Middle School Auditorium, 300 S. 11th St.. Sac City, IA (Sac Co.), Peggy Dettmann, 712-662-4552, peggyd@saccounty.org.
- ♦ VFW Post 9664 and Camanche American Legion Post 734 host Veterans Day Observance Ceremony, 11 Nov 2013, 6:00 pm, Garner Hall, 311 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Camanche, IA (Clinton Co.), Glenn Williams, <a href="mailto:commander@iowavfwpost9664.org">commander@iowavfwpost9664.org</a>. Note: Following the ceremony, there will be a dinner; menu and pricing TBD.
- ♦ Iowa Remembering Our Fallen exhibit, 11 15 Nov 2013, school hours, Treynor High School, 102 Main St., Treynor, IA (Pottawattamie Co.), Bill Williams, 402-612-0210
- ♦ WOD for Warriors, 11 Nov 2013, 6:00 am, Lied Rec Center, Iowa State University, Ames (Story Co.), IA, LTC Richard Smith, 515-294-0310, <a href="mailto:rfsmith@iastate.edu">rfsmith@iastate.edu</a>. WOD for Warriors welcomes you to "Armistice" a tribute to Veterans Day 2013. To share this experience to building bonds that are restorative to Veterans and their communities, you may register here: <a href="https://www.cyclonebattalion-eorg.eventbrite.com">www.cyclonebattalion-eorg.eventbrite.com</a>.
- City High School's Veterans Concert, 12 Nov, 2013, 7:30 pm, 1900 Morningside Dr., Iowa City (Johnson Co.), IA 52245, (319) 688-1040
- ♦ VFW Post 6174 Honor Flight Fundraiser, 13 Nov 2013, 5:00 7:00 pm, Culvers, 5320 Jersey Ridge Rd., Davenport (Scott Co.), IA, Duane Miller, 563-285-8613, <a href="mailto:dulymiller@gmail.com">dulymiller@gmail.com</a>. Note: VFW Post 6174 in Eldridge is over half-way in their project of raising \$50,000 to fully sponsor an Honor Flight out of the Quad Cities. They are working with the group at <a href="www.honorflightac.org">www.honorflightac.org</a>.
- ♦ Muscatine & Louisa County veterans Benefits Fair, 14 Nov 2013, 2:00 6:00 pm, tentatively scheduled at: Muscatine Community College, Muscatine, IA. Sara Creamer, VSO, Muscatine County, Sara Creamer, 563-262-4162, <a href="mailto:screamer@co.muscatine.ia.us">screamer@co.muscatine.ia.us</a>. Note: there will be no vendor fee for this event.
- ◆ Big Barn Harley Davidson's Military Appreciation Event to Honor Veterans, 15-16 Nov 2013, 81 NW 49<sup>th</sup> Place, Des Moines (Polk Co.), IA, Darren Larson, 515-265-4444, <u>dlarson@bigbarnhd.com</u>. Note: All veterans receive a 15% discount on licensed apparel, backrest & luggage racks, mufflers & exhaust systems, LED lighting, oil, lubricants & fluids, plus free pickup & delivery for service work.
- ◆ Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter 490 General Meeting, 19 Nov 2013, 7:00 pm, PVA meeting room, 3703½ Douglas Ave., Des Moines (Polk Co.), IA, Roger Elliott, 515-360-4245, rogerelliott@mchsi.com. Note: Spouses and friends are welcome and everyone is welcome to come & visit one of the meetings & see if they are interested in getting involved. There will be a FREE LUNCH on Saturday Nov 16 from 11:00 am − 2:00 pm. For all non-veterans, lunch will be \$6 with all proceeds donated to veterans' charities. For every motorcycle sold, Big Barn Harley will donate \$100 to veterans' charities. More info: www.bigbarnhd.com.

- ♦ VFW Post 9668 Business Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 2 Dec 2013, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com.
- ◆ Pearl Harbor Day, 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor, 7 Dec 2013 (December 7, 1941)
- ◆ Tallman-Lewis VFW Post 9664 and Camanche American Legion Post 734 host Pearl Harbor Day Observance Ceremony, 7 Dec 2013, 6:00 pm, Garner Hall, 311 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Camanche, IA (Clinton Co.), Glenn Williams, <a href="mailto:commander@iowavfwpost9664.org">commander@iowavfwpost9664.org</a>. Following ceremony there will be a soup & sandwich supper. A \$5.00 donation is being requested for the meal.
- ♦ lowa Veterans Council IVS Quarterly Meeting, 10 Dec 2013, 1:00 pm − 3:00 pm, lowa Veterans Home, Whitehill-Auditorium, 1301 Summit St., Marshalltown, IA 50158 (Marshall Co.), Dave Thornburg, Secretary-Treasurer, 515-229-8943, tankrockape@live.com. Note: The IVC is comprised of representatives of the following veterans organizations: The Veterans of World War I (honorary), AmVets, Ex-Prisoners-of-War, Iowa Paralyzed Veterans of America, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, 40 and 8, Vietnam Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans. Note 2: The IVC may adjust its meeting locations, but it is based at the PVA. Note 3: The IVC meets on the second Tuesday of March, June, September, and December.
- ◆ Farmer Veteran Coalition of Iowa Annual Conference, 14 Dec 2013, 9:00 am 5:30 pm, Easter Seals of Iowa, 401 NE 66<sup>th</sup> Ave., Des Moines (Polk Co.), IA, Ed Cox, 515-661-8459, info@iowagarmerveteran.org. Note: This event will feature farm business workshops and agricultural job & career placement & planning for veterans and service members. There will be networking opportunities at lunch and an evening reception featuring Iowa food. Event is free but space is limited. Please register at: http://lowaFarmerVeteran.org.
- Wreaths Across America, 14 Dec 2013, 11:00 am, Iowa Veterans Cemetery, 34024 Veterans Memorial Drive, Adel, IA (Dallas Co.), Jeanna Hampel, 515-996-9048, <u>Jeanna.Hampel@iowa.gov</u>. Note: Volunteers will lay wreaths at each gravesite. Wreaths are donated by families and businesses in the area.
- ♦ Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter 490 General Meeting, 17 Dec 2013, 7:00 pm, PVA meeting room, 3703½ Douglas Ave., Des Moines (Polk Co.), IA, Roger Elliott, 515-360-4245, <a href="mailto:rogerelliott@mchsi.com">rogerelliott@mchsi.com</a>. Note: Spouses and friends are welcome and everyone is welcome to come & visit one of the meetings & see if they are interested in getting involved.
- ◆ The University of Iowa Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Ceremony, 21 Dec 2013, time TBD, 21 Old Capitol, Iowa City IA 52242 (Johnson Co.), MAJ Albrecht, Professor of Military Science, Sharyl Grimm, 319-335-9187, <a href="mailto:sharyl-grimm@uiowa.edu">sharyl-grimm@uiowa.edu</a>.

## 2014

- VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 6 Jan 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, <a href="mailto:vfwpost9668@yahoo.com">vfwpost9668@yahoo.com</a>.
- ♦ Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs Quarterly Meeting, 8 Jan 2014, 10:00 am, Iowa Gold Star Museum, 7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Ave., Camp Dodge, Johnston, IA 50131 (Polk Co.), Mari Mielke, 515-727-3440, <a href="mailto:mari.mielke@iowa.gov">mari.mielke@iowa.gov</a>.
- ♦ VFW 5<sup>th</sup> District Business Meeting, 11 Jan 2014, 1:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines (Polk Co.), IA 50310, Robert Forbes, District Commander, 515-778-6165, iavfwdist5@gmail.com.
- ♦ Veteran's Day on the Hill, 22 Jan 2014, 9:00 am 12:00 pm, Iowa Statehouse, Des Moines, (Polk Co.)
- ◆ VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 3 Feb 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com.
- ♦ VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 3 March 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com.
- ♦ **lowa Commission of Veterans Affairs Quarterly Meeting, 2 April 2014**, 10:00 am, lowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit St., Marshalltown, IA 50158 (Marshall Co.), Mari Mielke, 515-727-3440, <u>mari.mielke@iowa.gov</u>.

- ♦ VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 7 April 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com.
- ◆ VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 5 May 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com. Note: Annual elections will be held at this meeting.
- ◆ The University of Northern Iowa Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Ceremony, 9 May 2014, time TBD, West Gym, UNI Campus, 1227 W. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Cedar Falls, IA 50614 (Black Hawk Co.), Major Kristy Rose, 319-273-6337, kristy.rose@uni.edu.
- ♦ Suspense date for the Jeff Sharlet Memorial Award for Veterans Writing Competition, 15 May 2014, The Iowa Review, 208 EPB, Iowa city, IA 52242 (Johnson Co.), 319-335-0462, <a href="mailto:iowa-reviews@uiowa.edu">iowa-reviews@uiowa.edu</a>, <a href="http://iowareview.uiowa.edu/veteranswritingcontest">http://iowareview.uiowa.edu/veteranswritingcontest</a>.
- ♦ The University of Iowa Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Ceremony, 17 May 2014, time TBD, Iowa Memorial Union, 125 N. Madison St., Iowa City, IA 52242 (Johnson Co.), Major Albrecht, Professor of Military Science, Sharyl Grimm, 319-335-9187, <a href="mailto:sharyl-grimm@uiowa.edu">sharyl-grimm@uiowa.edu</a>.
- ♦ Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, 7 May 2014, Vietnam War Monument, Iowa State Capitol Grounds
- ♦ Memorial Day, 26 May 2014 (Last Monday in May annually)
- ♦ VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 2 June 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com.
- ♦ VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 7 July 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com.
- ♦ Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs Quarterly Meeting, 9 July 2014, 10:00 am, Iowa Gold Star Museum, 7105 NW 70th Ave., Camp Dodge, Johnston, IA 50131 (Polk Co.), Mari Mielke, 515-727-3440, mari.mielke@iowa.gov.
- ♦ 2014 National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars FW, 9-23 Jul 2014, St. Louis, MO.
- ◆ VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 4 August 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com.
- ♦ Iowa National Guard 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Day, 16 Aug 2014, Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center, 7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Ave., Johnston, IA 50131 (Polk Co.), LTC Timothy Glynn, 800-294-6607 ext 4360.
- ◆ Labor Day, Federal Holiday, 1 Sept 2014 (First Monday in September annually)
- ♦ VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 8 Sept 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com. Note: Delayed date due to Labor Day.
- National POW-MIA Recognition Day, 19 Sept 2014 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of September annually), Gold Star Museum, 11:30 am − 2:00 pm, 7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Ave., Johnston, IA (Polk Co), 515-252-4531
- ♦ Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs Quarterly Meeting, 1 Oct 2014, 10:00 am, Iowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit St., Marshalltown, IA 50158 (Marshall Co.), Mari Mielke, 515-727-3440, <a href="mailto:mari.mielke@iowa.gov">mari.mielke@iowa.gov</a>.
- VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 6 Oct 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, <a href="https://www.neeting.com">wfwpost9668@yahoo.com</a>.
- ◆ 2014 Association of the United States Army NATIONAL Conference, 13-15 Oct 2014, Washington DC, <a href="http://www.ausa.org">http://www.ausa.org</a>

- ♦ VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 3 Nov 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com.
- ♦ Veterans Day, Tuesday, 11 Nov 2014
- ◆ VFW Post 9668 Monthly Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston VFW, 1 Dec 2014, 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.), Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, 515-778-6165, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com.
- ♦ Pearl Harbor Day, 73<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor, 7 Dec 2014 (December 7, 1941)